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[redacted] the Chinese Communists have trained and equipped 600 Burmese Communists and 300 Kachin

followers of the rebel leader Naw Seng.

these forces are to be infiltrated into Burma where they will conduct widespread guerrilla warfare against the Burmese Government under the direction of Chu Chia-pi, "famed" Communist guerrilla leader in Yunnan. The Embassy comments that Chu is ideally suited for such an assignment and that this method of Chinese intervention will be most difficult for the Burmese Government to combat.

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Comment: Information has been steadily accumulating from numerous sources indicating Chinese Communist preparations for limited intervention in Burma. Burmese forces are largely committed against insurgents in lower Burma and few reinforcements could be spared for operations in the north. Chinese aid to Burmese Communists would instill new spirit in the latter's currently disorganized insurrection and develop it into a serious threat to the existence of the moderate Burmese Government.

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